

Kevin Singletary

From: Rick Oster [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Kevin Singletary
Subject: LMO/Zoning

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Good afternoon Mr. Singletary,

I am enclosing a letter that I request be read aloud at the Planning Commission meeting Feb. 11th, 2021, and included in the minutes. I am writing in lieu of speaking given the time constraints and anticipated volume of speakers. I may be making an incorrect assumption on that. Has there been a large volume of comments on the LMO draft page or map?

At any rate, this is the letter. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

Be blessed,

Rick Oster

Dr. Richard Oster
55 Highwater Drive
Edgefield, SC 29824
[REDACTED]

To the Planning Commission and County Council:

I live off of Meeting Street in Edgefield. I would like to express my views, as well as those of family and neighbors, regarding the LMO draft and proposed zoning.

We returned to SC after many years, and after much thought and prayer settled on Edgefield as our forever home. We chose Edgefield because of it's rural and quiet nature, and because of the people. I specifically looked at zoning as we researched and ultimately chose Edgefield as the place we expected to spend the rest of our lives.

As I review the proposed LMO and future zoning I can say without exaggeration that I am shocked and saddened. I can see absolutely no logical reason for government to propose to control nearly every single aspect of property rights, particularly of rural people, like this and I am unequivocally opposed to it. For those of us who moved here or those who chose to live their lives here, we did so in part because of the rural nature and the freedom that goes with it. Embracing the outdoors, and raising one's own food and livestock is a way of being closer to God, a way to be good stewards of the

land, and is a wholesome existence. Being able to go about those tasks without the degree of government oversight and intrusion seen in more populated areas is a part of that existence. That is what led us to invest in a home and property in Edgefield, to pay taxes in Edgefield, and to support local businesses here.

I clearly do not require, nor do I desire the insertion of government control over what animals I may have, what type of fence or barn I build, how much land to section off for an elderly parent, or if my greenhouse is "conforming". I can see no logical purpose that it serves beyond control of a population of people that did not request it, that do not need it, and certainly do not desire it. As I listen to people, many feel the same way.

While the chant of "you can't stop progress, it's coming whether you like it or not" is often repeated, it requires some caveats. Who defines progress? It should be without question, we the citizens of the community that pay taxes and vote to elect other people to represent our interests. I doubt the people that voted felt that they were electing people to make decisions that go against the prevailing wishes of the citizens. We don't expect our representatives to be omniscient, or omnipotent, we expect them to hear our wishes as a community use their skills to help plot the pathway forward.

What is progress? Again, it should be defined by the citizenry. I do not believe it is defined by pushing forward with high density housing and far overreaching zoning ordinances in light of clear objections from the community. To define this as progress, and to state it as inevitable, is not accurate. It would indicate that the citizens are powerless to define progress, and powerless to shape and mold exactly what progress looks like. That is the antithesis of representative government.

Another phrase often uttered is "zoning is there to protect you". In its current proposed form, this is a falsehood. Far beyond protection, this proposal seeks to give full power and control over our property rights to a government which at this time, appears to be disregarding the will of much of the populace. The wording is vague enough to give wide latitude and interpretation to the county council and planning commission to make final rulings on nearly every aspect of property rights affecting our daily lives. We did not ask for this, so why is a representative government pushing it forward?

It seems to me, particularly in the more rural areas that many of us seek out, that Edgefield County did fine for many years with the need to put rules into place that are akin to those seen in more urban settings. Why the change now? If I wanted that kind of control over my property rights I would have moved into a community with an HOA. I clearly chose not to do that.

As a voting and taxpaying citizen I am asking the Planning Commission and the Council to oppose the proposed LMO and zoning plans. They are clearly far out of bounds particularly for those that desire the peace, freedom, and independence of a rural lifestyle, and they are not in line with the wishes of the community. I choose to live in a place that requires a time investment to get to stores and other things found in bigger cities. I choose to live in a place that has no municipal water or sewage. I choose to live in a place where internet service is less than ideal. I choose to live here and pay taxes under these few constraints because living in a rural area without intrusive HOA type management over my daily life is worth it, and exactly why I initially decided to live the remainder of my life here, God willing. There are ways to "progress" and healthy growth that would not require the implementation of overbearing control on our lives and property. Perhaps we need to explore those options and proceed with care, caution, and respect of the wishes of the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dr. Richard Oster

DAVID STONE TRAVIS, JR
JANET EDWARDS-TRAVIS
12 CREEK RIDGE ROAD
EDGEFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA 29824
[REDACTED]

Monday, February 8, 2021

Edgefield County Building and Planning Staff

Director: Hart Clark

Planner: Kevin Singletary

210 Penn Street

Edgefield South Carolina 29824

Re: Edgefield County LMO and Rezoning

Dear Gentlemen,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed LMO, rezoning and development of Edgefield, South Carolina, USA. The Edgefield zoning plan/draft is not consistent with the rural lifestyle, liberties and growth originally established for this county.

Our opposition is based on the potential problems of :

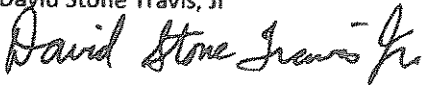
- over crowding,
- extraordinary tax increases,
- increased traffic,
- congestion,
- the destruction of and non licet of green space, rural livestock, hobby farms, garden preservation both vegetable and floral, as well as agricultural growth.

It also imposes infractions on the civil liberties and freedoms of the land owners which by law is protected from unjust government interference.

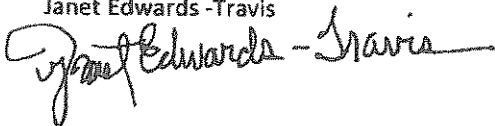
Once the property is rezoned under the LMO, large scale developers can and will change the original concepts once again within the zoning. We are very well aware of all of this. This would displease not only ourselves but a majority of the citizens in Edgefield County causing uncalled for percussion within our county government. Please reconsider the LMO action until proper resolution can be discussed and agreed upon in a justly manner with all county residents.

Respectfully,

David Stone Travis, Jr



Janet Edwards -Travis



Winston Boddie
456 Vann Road
Trenton, SC 29847

February 10, 2021

Mr. Kevin Singletary
c/o Edgefield County Building and Planning Department
124 Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

Dear Mr. Singletary,

I object to the version of the proposed Edgefield County Land Management Ordinance (LMO) and draft zoning map currently under consideration and ask that this letter be read at the Council's public meeting on February 11, 2021. I also ask that a copy be provided to each member of the committee and that it become part of the official minutes.

The proposed LMO diminishes my rights as a property-owner.

It will take decision-making from citizens and hand it over to local and federal government and developers.

It will significantly reduce my freedom to use my property in ways that are deemed sensible and responsible under existing laws.

This LMO allows government to place high-density housing in areas where residents have chosen to enjoy rural and suburban lifestyles.

I ask Planning Commission members to vote NO on moving this LMO forward.

Thank you for your attention to this.



Winston L. Boddie II

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Diane Peterson
456 Vann Road
Trenton, SC 29847

February 10, 2021

Mr. Kevin Singletary
c/o Edgefield County Building and Planning Department
124 Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

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EDGEFIELD COUNTY
BUILDING & PLANNING

By this letter I am stating my objection to the most current version of the proposed Edgefield County Land Management Ordinance (LMO) and draft zoning map currently under consideration.

I request that a copy of my letter be provided to each committee member and that my statement below be included in the official minutes of the meeting scheduled for February 11, 2021 or at a subsequent meeting should that one be postponed.

I would like my letter to be read aloud at the meeting currently scheduled for February 11, 2021.

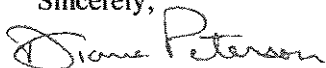
My statement:

I object to this LMO and ask that Planning Commission members vote NO on moving this forward.

I have read the proposed LMO and viewed the draft zoning map and conclude that it does the following:

- Unnecessarily restricts, and effectively eliminates, citizens' control over their own properties.
- Opens the door to high-density development next to single-family residences.
- Places decisions about our community's quality of life into the hands of local and federal government bodies and land developers.
- Forces residents who object to harmful development practices into an expensive and unwinnable legal battle against deep-pocketed developers and tax-payer funded government.
- Will facilitate the Biden administration's expressed intention to change local zoning laws in order to develop a significant presence of low-income, high-density housing in rural and suburban areas.
- Will potentially invite previously-tried, disastrous federal programs that relocated large numbers of out-of-state, urban participants of Section 8 housing into rural and suburban areas, changing the political landscape and placing a tax burden on locals.

Sincerely,



Diane Peterson

Mason Raines
310 Murrah Road
North Augusta, S.C. 29860
[REDACTED]

February 7, 2021

Kevin Singletary
Planner
210 Penn Street
Edgefield, S.C. 29824
803-637-4073

Dear Kevin Singletary,

Edgefield County has come to the cross roads of land freedom or land slavery. It is being decided by others, what I can and cannot experience on my land. It is obvious that the intensions and motivation to incarcerate the land is discriminatory with a focus towards only a few that have self interest at heart. I'm sure that "by the people for the people" has no place in this governing body. The manipulation of your powers has generated a blatant disregard for the citizens and their rights to own lands.

I beseech you to involve each land owner with regards to their zoning preference.

For the board to do otherwise is a step towards socialism and suppression of all!

Please include this letter in the official Planning Commission Meeting on February 11, 2021.

Please provide a copy to each Planning Commission Member.

Please read aloud at the above Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mason Raines". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mason Raines

Lauren Timmons
919 Murrah Forest Dr.
North Augusta, S.C. 29860

February 7, 2021

Kevin Singletary
Planner
210 Penn Street
Edgefield, S.C. 29860

Dear Kevin Singletary,

My husband and I have lived in our home since 2006. We decided to find a home in this area because we loved the rural life style. We did not want to live in a busy area like Evans or North Augusta. We are raising our kids in this home. Our kids 6, 8 and 10 have grown accustomed to the rural life style. This is all they know. The kids love being able to have chickens and other farm animals. During the pandemic, this has really helped them adjust and maintain their interest in learning.

The zone that is given to the land should be decided by what the landowner has already done on their land for years. Their rights that they have had for many years should be taken away. It may be necessary for the "new" neighborhoods to require some zoning. The council members should talk with the land owners to decide the type of zoning for their land.

I hope you all take into consideration everyone's views of the proposed zoning plan. I do not feel as if you should take away what landowners are already doing on their land. People move to rural areas to be able to farm and "live off the land." This proposed zoning strips away our very identity. I do not agree with the zoning districts and land use that you have for my property.


Please include this letter in the official Planning Commission Meeting on February 11, 2021.
Please provide a copy to each Planning Commission Member.
Please read aloud at the above Meeting.

Sincerely,



Lauren Timmons

I hereby request that this letter be read aloud and entered into the official minutes at the Edgefield County Planning Commission meeting on February 11, 2021 regarding the proposed Land Management Ordinance. I also request a copy of this be given to each member of the Planning Commission so they can refer back to it as they study this important topic.

Name: Joyce Oliver
693 Currytown Road
North Augusta, SC 29860


My name is Joyce Oliver, and I live at 693 Currytown Road. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Land Management Ordinance for Edgefield County. I urge each of the current members on the Planning Commission to study this proposed LMO thoroughly and to vote NO for acceptance. I am opposed to this LMO because it appears to be poorly thought-out, haphazardly developed, filled with government over-reach in terms of the rights of private land owners, and so complicated that it is difficult for the citizens of Edgefield County to comprehend and analyze under the current COVID conditions and time constraints that the County Council has implemented.

The first question I ask everyone to consider, is WHY do we need this County wide zoning? We are required by state law to have a Comprehensive Plan for the County, which is supposed to be a guide to the future use of land for our County. Our Comprehensive Plan was developed in 2014 and was reviewed in 2019 because it must be reviewed every five years. There were two public readings, but in June of 2019 after the last public reading, our County Council Chairman, Scott Cooper, made changes to the Comprehensive Plan that reduced the acreage requirements for subdivisions and created the option for high-density development in areas previously rejected by the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan provides guidance regarding future land use and must be reviewed prior to any zoning ordinances enacted and these actions by Mr. Cooper paved the way for the zoning that is currently proposed.

Here are some examples of the government over-reach that I have found in the proposed LMO:

- If I wanted to open a Bed and Breakfast, the LMO says that I would only be allowed to serve breakfast. The County government of Edgefield has no business telling a private property and business owner what they can do with their own business. If I want to serve lunch or dinner, I should be allowed to do so. Rose Hill Bed and Breakfast in Aiken serves dinner as well as breakfast, so this is not unreasonable. It is a moot point anyways, because they won't allow any home to be a Bed and Breakfast unless it was built before 1950. What if I wanted to build a new home that was architecturally modeled on an old Victorian home?
- Any flagpole on my property shall not exceed 25 feet in height, but I will be limited to no more than one on my personal property. What if I want to have a flag pole for the American Flag, the SC State Flag, and a Clemson Flag? Again, this is my personal property and the government in Edgefield should have zero input on what flags I fly on my own land.
- I currently have a shooting range on my 30 acres for target practice purposes. Outdoor firing ranges will be allowed on RA (Rural Agricultural), RC (Rural Conservation), and RE (Rural Estate), which is what I would be zoned as. Outdoor ranges do not appear to be approved for any other areas, including RL (Residential Large Lot) or GSC (General Service Commercial), or LIM (Light Industrial Manufacturing), which is where the Wild Turkey Federation is currently located, and where they have had Turkey shoots in the

past. Someone needs to verify if current locations for these type of education and fundraising events would be allowed under proposed plans.

- It appears that under the current proposed zoning, I would not be permitted to run a dressmaking or seamstress business from my home. A good example of how this zoning map has been haphazardly spot zoned, is the fact that I can't do this off Currytown Road, but it is spot-zoned to allow the lady on Martintown who runs an excellent seamstress business from her home, "Sew Bea It". I also would not be allowed to have a Wedding Planning Service from my home. These restrictions on home-based businesses are unacceptable and unsupportive of the local economy.

In summary, I am not opposed to growth in Edgefield County or naive enough to think it isn't going to happen. We have managed just fine without restrictive zoning up to this point, and some of the past developments, like Cooper Place are beautiful and they fit in with the surrounding area. I am STRONGLY opposed to the proposed LMO because it is restrictive of individual rights in terms of freedom to use your land as you want to use it, and in terms of potential business opportunities that could be conducted from your home. The government over-reach is out of control on a National level, and I intend to fight it to the finish for my local environment. One of the biggest concerns is that once this LMO is passed by the Planning Commission and then adopted by the County Council, it can be changed and adapted to the needs and whims of any developer who whispers in the ear of the current government leadership. This is completely unacceptable because it restricts us as private citizens and allows

our government to change the rules without further public input. Correct the Comprehensive
Plan and VOTE NO TO THIS LMO!!!

David Nunamaker
822 Currytown Road
North Augusta, SC 29860

Kevin Singletary
Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

February 8, 2021

Mr. Singletary:

This is a formal request for this letter to be read aloud at the 2/11/21 Planning Commission meeting and a copy given to each member of the commission. I want this letter to be a part of the official minutes.

I am requesting the members of the Planning Commission to vote NO to moving the LMO forward to County Council. Edgefield County already has a zoning plan in place that should be used. We do not need more or updated restrictions.

Our representatives should be respecting our wishes and voting accordingly. They are NOT. Our councilmember is representing HIS and HIS associates' best interest at the expense of the citizens and property owners of Edgefield County. All proceedings should be transparent and the public input should be honored. The planning commission's recent appointments appear improper and driven by special interests. ALL property owners rights should be placed above special interest of a select few.

Any furthering of the LMO should cease immediately!

Regards,

David Nunamaker

James Nunamaker III
822 Currytown Road
North Augusta, SC 29860

Kevin Singletary
Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

February 7, 2021

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I am requesting the members of the Planning Commission to vote NO to moving the LMO forward to County Council. I am 18 years old, have lived my entire life in the Merriwether community, attended school in Edgefield and will be graduating from Strom Thurmond in June.

My family's land is our home, used for timber, horses, and wildlife management. This land will eventually become mine. I do NOT want to see our way of life changed. I respect the land, our rural heritage, and our rural community. I plan to remain in Edgefield County. I do not want to see it heavily populated or commercialized.

Our representatives should be respecting our wishes and voting accordingly. They are NOT.

Any furthering of the LMO should be immediately stopped.

Sincerely,

James Nunamaker, III

Kevin Singletary

From: Maria Medina [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Kevin Singletary
Subject: Letter to be read aloud at 02/11/21 Planning Commission public hearing

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Date: 02/10/2021

Name: Martha Medina

Address: 334 SUNNYBROOKE RD
TRENTON SC, 29847

Dear Mr. Singletary,

I, Martha Medina, formally request that the below letter be read aloud at the 02/11/2021 Planning Commission Meeting public hearing, being held at Sweetwater Baptist Church, 198 Sweetwater Rd., North Augusta SC 29860, and request that a copy of below letter be given to all planning committee members as well as the below letter be a part of the official meeting minutes.

Dear Planning Commission,

There are so many, like myself, who adore and love Edgefield County, the homes we have made here, as well as our ability to expound upon our right to the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. This pursuit can only come from privatization of property, both for current residents, and even developers. Developers have already been granted their own unique right to build any kind of community, that reflects their own version of what life, liberty, and happiness looks like, as a result of specialized zoning laws. Despite these specialized zoning laws, tailored to make development obstacle-free, a plan has come forward that forces the citizens of Edgefield County to forgo these very same rights already encompassed by developers. The Land Management Organization Plan infringes upon the liberty we are given to make decisions about our own property, due to its very broad, open-ended definitions.

While there are individuals who purposely move to places where their land is managed and governed by a higher organization, all of us are here today to fight against that type of control and governance over our own private property. It is not necessary for our God-given and constitutionally recognized right of pursuing life, liberty and happiness to be taken from us through a LMO Plan, in order to further appease developers beyond the obstacle-free specialized zoning laws they already possess. We vehemently request that you do not put through your plan to Scott Cooper's desk, so that we can not only continue these freedoms but also because Mr. Cooper has already lost his integrity in front of the people who elected him in good faith. Mr. Cooper has gone against the very grain of the citizens of Edgefield County in every decision he has made. He has intentionally ignored our requests, our wants, and even our needs by placing surveys and expensive signs as a priority instead of our police force and emergency services. Our police force is not large enough to cover the entire

county as is, and he wants to focus on giving them more citizens to police? Mr. Cooper's very presence here today, focusing on a plan that will give him and others control over all private property, only proves that he will continue to starve Edgefield County citizens of much needed resources and care, as well as neglect those who protect and serve us. His continued dedication, effort, and focus on developing Edgefield County also proves his immense disregard and seemingly disdain for the current citizens of Edgefield County. This meeting to discuss a Land Management Organization Plan bears the question to be asked: Why is anyone in our county government even here before us trying to take-away our own rights, instead of trying to devise a plan that encompasses both development as well as the appropriate growth of police and emergency services this new development will need?

This is not serving us, nor fulfilling any of the very real needs of the county.

Formally Signed: *Martha Medina*

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172 Woodlawn Road
Clarks Hill, SC 29821

Kevin Singletary
Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

February 8, 2021

Mr. Singletary:

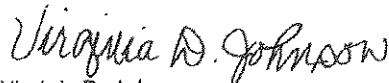
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I am requesting the members of the Planning Commission to vote NO to moving the LMO forward to County Council. The LMO is not indicative of property owners' wishes nor the vision we have for our county. We want Edgefield County to remain a rural county aesthetically pleasing to our community. Proposed development and LMO does not reflect this vision.

County Council representation in Merriwether is not acting according to our wishes. There are many agendas attached to this plan that are unethical.

Please stop the LMO and do not move forward with this plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia D. Johnson".

Virginia D. Johnson

Kevin Singletary

From: DAVID BUNCH [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:12 PM
To: Kevin Singletary; fab1835@wctel.net; Rodney Ashcraft; tajjnails@yahoo.com; karlenebutler@yahoo.com; tbrown@browntrusted.com; bmcneill@cowardandmcneill.com; joelpresley@mac.com
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David Bunch
806 Currytown Rd
North Augusta, SC 29860

I am requesting that this letter be read aloud at the 2/11/21 Planning Commission Meeting.

I am requesting that the Planning Commission Members vote NO to moving this plan forward to the County Council for several reasons.

1. This plan has changes that would affect future residents of Edgefield County.
2. I currently own property on Old Martintown Road that has been in my family for more than 200 hundred years. It has been passed down through the family. My father, Paul Bunch, still lives in the house I grew up in on the property. We also have my grandparents house that we currently rent out on the property as well. Under the plan the front half of the land would be zoned light commercial and the back half residential suburban. My hope is to pass this land to my children one day. Under this plan they would not be able to build a single family residential house if they wished or farm in the future. They should be afforded that right.
3. Zoning changes should be a slow process and not one big plan for the entire county.
4. Edgefield County is a growing county, especially on the Merriwether end. It has always been a great place to raise a family. With the city of North Augusta just down the road, we have the city to enjoy while still living in the country. With these zoning changes the feeling of country life would be taken away. I would like to see this area continue to be a rural, family area.

Chairman Cooper has demonstrated that he is not trustworthy by pushing this plan to benefit himself, instead of what is best for county constituents.

I want a copy given to each Planning Commission Member. As well as a copy of this letter is to be made a part of the official meeting minutes.

Regards,

David Bunch

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Kevin Singletary

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Michelle Bunch
806 Currytown Rd
North Augusta, SC 29860

- I am formally requesting that this letter be read aloud at the 2/11/21 meeting.
- I am requesting that the Planning Commission Members vote NO to moving this plan forward to County Council for multiple reasons. First, this plan has too many changes in it for everyone in the county and changes the entire unincorporated portions of the county.
- Second, zoning should be changed slowly versus a "quick" LMO plan. Slower zoning can be beneficial to control consistent and uniform development in our great county.
- The city of North Augusta is slowly creeping into Edgefield County in the Merriwether area. The draft map shows commercial light zoning from the Aiken County line along Martintown Road all the way to Murrah Road. IN my opinion, the zone should only be commercial light from the Aiken County line on Martintown Road to the North Augusta city limit sign.

Immediately past this sign onward to Murrah Rd, the majority of land with road frontage consists of single residential homes. The exceptions are the Mckie farm that grows crops, and a large tract of land owned by the Barinowski's that has cows. The few wooded lots in this section are the perfect size to one day add single residential homes. I know of two families that were planning to build their dream homes for their family son this particular road frontage. This LMO plan lists "approved" light commercial businesses in the draft chart to include but not limited to the following: tobacco shops, tattoo studios, motels, brew pubs, hookah lounges, and solar farms. I beg all members to reconsider that this portion of Martintown Rd should not be zoned light commercial. This is and continues to be a rural, family area.

Chairman Cooper has demonstrated that he is not trustworthy by pushing this plan to benefit himself, instead of what is best for county constituents.

I want a copy of given to each Planning Commission Member. As well as a copy of this letter is to be made a part of the official meeting minutes.

Regards,

Kevin Singletary

From: diane kerekanich [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Kevin Singletary; Peter Kerekanich
Subject: Proposed LMO

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Dear Edgefield County,

We read the propose Land Management Ordinance last night and have a few questions and concerns we would like to share.

1. Our understanding is that the previous ordinance was approved in 2011, what is the problem with that existing ordinance that dictates this change? We understand that there is growth in the county, but what was inadequate in the existing ordinance that requires a massive change?

2. We fully understand the need for zoning to control development and maintain standards and protect property, however, this new proposed ordinance goes well beyond establishing zoning criteria and establishes a massive broad increase in county government control in the lives and property of residents beyond the establishment of zoning. Why is the county pursuing such an aggressive increase of control over residents?

3. I am sure the commissioners, having done due diligence, fully understand the cost implications of the planned ordinance, please explain. With the increase in governmental responsibilities that this ordinance proposes, what are the direct and indirect cost implications associated with the ordinance? Whenever bureaucracy is increased, there is always an increase in governmental costs. What direct cost to increase personnel and government exercise is necessary to ensure compliance? Similarly, increased compliance will generate requirements for individuals or businesses. What are the expected indirect costs to residents?

4. It does not appear the county drafted this document internally. What company or organization prepared this for the county and what affiliations are they apart of and what experience they drawing from?

5. As we read the planned ordinance, under the section for firing ranges, it states that all ranges must be built to NRA standards. Living in a rural agricultural zone, is the county disavowing all home ranges unless meets NRA standards?

6. Are residents in residential areas not allowed to have a few chickens?

7. The entire LMO is written in the "interest of protecting individual property owners" however, property rights are not protected by restricting what a property owner can do on their own property. So, who actually benefits from the proposed LMO? Would that be developers? Do any county commissioners have any direct or indirect ties to developers?

We would request that our questions and commits be made available to all County Commissioners and entered into the official minutes. Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns.

Respectfully,
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Kevin, I am requesting this e-mail be read at tonight's meeting , requesting that it be included in the minutes and copies be given to each of the Planning commission members as well.

Having followed this process for the last 2 + years it is my opinion that Edgefield County is heading in the wrong direction on a fast track. Citizens have expressed their desires many times over. We have stated that we are for growth but not high density, crammed in any and everywhere developers choose. This County Council and Planning Commission must have the focus on providing what the citizens want. This Land Management Ordinance (LMO) merely seems to be creating a County wide HOA. Personally I prefer to chose for myself what the best use of our property is now and in the future. Placing restrictions on citizens property rights in the name of "protecting" us especially in the areas we have chosen to be our forever home is not conducive to our high quality of life we chose when we moved to Edgefield County. Having read through all of this LMO I see nothing beneficial for we the citizens.

I am respectfully requesting that this LMO be stopped and not recommended to the County Council. Further It is my opinion that those now on this Planning Commission are not knowledgeable enough to be making such a serious decision which will have lasting effects on this County and its citizens. There are only 2 on this council that have been involved in this process with one having recently replaced a very capable and knowledgeable member. Further while the County Council placed this process on suspension for 5 months the planning staff continued to work on this and should have taken the opportunity to notify the citizens this was taking place. A good percentage of the citizens still are unaware what is taking place that affect them personally. True it was on line many do not have access and this is such a large document (376 pages) that I dare say the Planning commission have not read and certainly do not understand though the Planning Staff have tried to provide a crash course.

For those reasons and the desire to not have someone else choose what is the best use for my land I again request NO Zoning for my property. We also request that this Planning Commission turn their attention into providing what the citizens want and recommend that to the County Council.

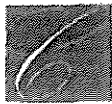
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Edgefield County Planning Commission
C/o The Edgefield County Building and Planning Department

Re: The draft Land Management Ordinance (LMO) and draft zoning map as recommended by the LMO Steering Committee to the Planning Commission – CITIZEN COMMENTS AGAINST ADOPTION without further revision.

Dear Planning Commission Members:

I have been retained to represent a group of Concerned Citizens of Edgefield County (the "County"). These citizens and property owners¹ have retained me to address important land use issues created by the above-referenced draft proposed Land Management Ordinance ("LMO").

I am commenting to you on behalf of my clients, and they vigorously oppose the LMO, as drafted. It represents a massive transfer of land development rights to developers and land use protections away from its citizens, including my clients.

This transfer of value from the people to investors and developers has been accomplished through the systematic revision of planning documents and changes to planning personnel and land use plan decision makers. If done for anything of value by a public official as described in the law, it violates S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-705 of South Carolina's ethics laws.

My clients affirmatively believe their concerns have not been heard and are not being addressed. They feel they are ignored at public meetings and public input opportunities. Many of their questions have gone unanswered. For these reasons, they have hired me to do a legal analysis and demonstrate why the LMO as drafted violates the law and the rights of the citizens and otherwise address their ongoing needs to protect and enforce their rights.

¹ Clients include Steven M. Bryant, Bobby D. Meek, Megan Pearson, Terry L. Smith, Marianne Smith, Louis Jackson, William J. Bryson, Carol H. Bryson, David Butler, Michael Owen, Paige Ouzts-Owen, John Larry Ouzts, Alice F. Ouzts, Kenneth David Hair, Billie McDowell, Elizabeth Posey, Edward S. Posey, C. Alan McDowell, and Ken Korrek (collectively "Concerned Citizens").

It is also the affirmative understanding of many good citizens of Edgefield County that the Planning Commission has been led to believe it does not have the right or the option to reject the proposed LMO. If that has been represented to the Planning Commission, it is false. The Planning Commission has the power and discretion to determine what the LMO says and whether it is ever established. It is a power that allows the Planning Commission to determine many land use decisions of the County and it should not be exercised without complete and thorough analysis and consideration of diverse points of view.

In 2018, the 2014 Comprehensive Plan was in full effect, with land use categories specific to countywide ordinances that regulated small lot development. The most relevant was the Subdivision Ordinance. Significant developer fees existed that instilled some responsibility for infrastructure costs on developers as part of the Subdivision Ordinance.

Then, also during 2018, a complete comprehensive plan update was initiated, 5 years before the update mandated by the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 (hereafter, the 1994 Act), which requires all South Carolina counties and incorporated communities (cities) to have an adopted comprehensive plan and update it every ten years, with revisions every five years between plan updates. A Consultant was hired for a rewrite to the plan, and it went through a mandated public input process. It was then presented to the Edgefield County Council ("Council").

Two public hearings were held. Then, on the third and final reading of the Comprehensive Plan, the Chairman of the Council moved to remove density and acreage requirements from the comp plan. Some Council members were shocked. *See Council Meeting Minutes of 3rd reading.* However, the motion prevailed.

Tragically, small lot residential development is now anticipated throughout the entire County. The Comp Plan rewrite expects small lot residential in every future land use category.

Developer use of Planned Unit Developments has effectively become the actual zoning restrictions/requirements. They even get to name these zones.

Sometime in early 2019, developer fees were reduced drastically. Tax dollars are thereby now being used to incentivize development by helping to pay for infrastructure costs of small lot residential development in rural areas, an

expensive endeavor. To the best of my knowledge, nowhere else in the CSRA do other government entities do this. As a matter of fact, they generally raise the fees over time.

The proposed LMO goes even further to take the job of land use management out of the hands of the government and put it into the hands of developers. It takes away from you important decision-making authority with respect to land use decisions to the detriment of the citizens of Edgefield County, it discriminates against rural citizens of the County, and it violates Constitutionally protected Equal Protection rights. As one important example, it specifically fails to adequately address Solar farm uses in the County, in further violation of the County's Comprehensive Plan and the proposed LMO's own purposes.

The LMO purports to be "the consolidation of Edgefield County ordinances pertaining to the building and development of land." See Land Management Ordinance FAQ at 1. However, it goes much further than that. The LMO causes you to significantly give up your future discretion in land use determinations, making many significant uses allowed without condition, and it fails to adequately implement your Comprehensive Plan and the LMO's stated purposes. See LMO 1.3.1.

The County web site unfairly advises that "[t]hose who develop land in Edgefield County will notice the greatest impact of the adoption of the Land Management Ordinance." See Land Management Ordinance FAQ at 1. Respectfully, although developers will notice the impact by obtaining benefit, the voting citizen owners and users of land around existing areas to be developed by those developers are also profoundly (but negatively) impacted by the LMO, and their numbers are significantly greater than the number of developers.

According to the FAQs provided by the County,

Zoning is only one aspect to the Land Management Ordinance. In regards to zoning, the Land Management Ordinance will identify the County's zoning districts, what is allowed in those districts, what the requirements for development are within those districts, and what individual pieces of property are zoned. This should aid in preventing incompatible uses from adversely affecting property owners.

Land Management Ordinance FAQ at 2. However, the proposed LMO fails to provide the promised "aid in preventing incompatible uses from adversely

affecting property owners.” For example, the proposed LMO makes solar fields an allowed land use in every zoning district in the County.

Many of my clients own land in and around properties that may be expected to demand this use. The LMO would allow Solar farms next to their properties, even when such use is incompatible, even when the use can be expected to severely adversely affect them, generally involving the installation of thousands of solar panels, clearcutting of forest lands and other very substantial impacts. For this reason, the LMO as drafted is completely unacceptable.

A Solar energy farm or solar farm is

property used in solar energy development; more specifically, land utilized in the construction and installation of an energy conversion system, including appurtenances, that converts solar energy to a usable form of energy to be used on-site or to transfer to the public electric grid in order to sell electricity to a public utility entity.

LMO, Chapter 12 at 60. Based on the information in its own definition, the LMO needs to be more restrictive with respect to Solar farms.

Solar farms are industrial in nature (not just commercial as often suggested), and they should not be placed in residential, agricultural and other incompatible use areas. Solar farms can have significant impacts on adjoining property owners and natural water systems. Solar arrays concentrate stormwater runoff, which accelerates erosion and flooding. Increases in scouring of stream banks, sediment accumulation and water quality will occur. Solar farms placed in rural wooded areas increase the chance for migratory bird kills due to the “lake effect” they create within the natural wooded areas.

Large solar farms on farmland or natural areas results in a permanent loss of productive farmland and timberland. Please refer to the included article in Coastal AgroBusiness December 11, 2005 by Ron Heiniger NCSU Professor and Extension Specialist “Solar Farming: Not a Good Use of Agricultural Land” attached and found at <https://coastalagro.com/solar-farming-not-a-good-use-of-agricultural-land/>.

The toxic chemicals in solar panels include cadmium telluride, copper indium selenide, cadmium gallium (di)selenide, copper indium gallium (di)selenide, hexafluoroethane, lead, and polyvinyl fluoride. Additionally, silicon tetrachloride, a byproduct of producing crystalline silicon, is highly toxic.

During manufacture and after the disposal of solar panels, they release hazardous chemicals including cadmium compounds, silicon tetrachloride, hexafluoroethane and lead.

The problem of solar panel disposal “will explode with full force in two or three decades and wreck the environment” because it “is a huge amount of waste and they are not easy to recycle.”

Engineering drawings submitted to the Edgefield County Planning Commission by Bryant Engineering, PC “Solar Analysis” dated November 10, 2020 provided a detailed engineering analysis of the terrain and illustrated the impacts a particularly impactful solar farm would have on adjoining property owners and roadways.

Furthermore, there are federal guidelines that should be followed when installing Solar farms. The LMO fails to reference a requirement to follow the federal guidelines or place any other meaningful conditions. These failures reflect a need for the Commission to demand further consideration of the appropriate requirements with respect to Solar farms in the LMO.

Additionally, forest and timber should not be cut, and land should not be cleared (particularly clear cut) and mass graded for the sole purpose of contracting a Solar farm. This is entirely inconsistent with the County’s Comprehensive Plan, which clearly indicates forested and agricultural land should be preserved. However, the LMO embraces Solar farms without significant restriction in contravention of this Comprehensive Plan requirement.

Huge solar farms are in no way in harmony with the various residential and agricultural land use categories addressed by the LMO, and greater consideration should be given to where and if Solar farms should be allowed in the County.

The wording should also be more specific in the Zoning Map and Land Management Ordinance to protect the rights of neighboring property owners. All industrial size projects (including Solar farms) should be

restricted, treated as industrial use and kept out of residential/agricultural areas. The current LMO draft fails to do this, especially with respect to Solar farms. Large Solar farms should be classified as industrial facilities and should be limited to areas designated as industrial.

Additionally, as a matter of good public policy, the County should not be facilitating the development of Solar farms to serve cities, especially cities not located in the County. This represents a discriminatory zoning practice, which places undesirable uses like giant Solar farms in the rural County because cities don't want them in their back yard. This is inconsistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan and represents a violation of the Constitutionally protected equal protection rights of County residents who often do not have the resources available to city residents who can create economies of scale by collectively funding to fight undesirable land uses where they live and work, forcing those uses on rural and blighted communities. In general, allowing industrial uses in residential and agricultural areas, like Solar farms, destroys the quality of life for County residents for the benefit of city users. This is even recognized in the LMO under the (RA) rural-agricultural definition Section 2.5.1.1.

Section 4.3.9. of the LMO specifically relates to Solar farms. Solar farms have known negative impacts. However, the LMO leaves the County virtually unprotected with regard to the use of photovoltaic power production. Panels can be expected to be a nuisance to surrounding neighbors, ruin neighborhood and rural aesthetics and create hazards on public right of ways, and endanger migratory birds.

Regardless of these legitimate concerns, under the proposed LMO, Solar farms are **allowed by right in every single zoning district**. See Table 2-1 Principal Use Table. It is not reasonable to believe that Solar farms are compatible with every single use and district in the County. Such use is inconsistent with Comprehensive Plan definitions of many of these land use categories. See *e.g.* Edgefield County Comp. Plan at 7.6 – Future Land Use Category – Rural Agricultural. As such, this designation is unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious, and in violation of my clients' protected rights. In this respect, the LMO requires further consideration and revision to restrict Solar farms to areas where they are reasonable and appropriate.

Section 4.3.9.5. of the LMO allows that,

Solar farms, which have not been in active and continuous service for a period of 1 year, shall be removed at the owner or operator's expense, and the site shall be restored to as natural condition as possible within six (6) months of removal.

LMO section 4.3.9.5. However, nothing in the LMO does anything to make this provision enforceable. Having the owner/operators contact information on file just isn't enough. The County may, therefore, in the future expect to have to deal with derelict abandoned Solar farms when they are abandoned by the developers. This represents yet another significant defect in the LMO.

The Land Management Ordinance will apply to all of unincorporated Edgefield County. Its adoption is, therefore, a very significant decision. You are not required to adopt this particular LMO now, or ever. Do not vote in favor of it now. Either reject the LMO or make significant revisions to protect the citizens of Edgefield, prevent incompatible uses and retain the County's land use planning discretion to reject unacceptable projects.

We also encourage you to take your time and fully workshop the proposed LMO with the citizens, local design professionals/planners and other interested persons to make sure that the finally adopted LMO, if any, meets the important needs of Edgefield County and its residents.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Please advise if there is any way I can be of further assistance.

My clients are fully and collectively committed to taking all necessary and appropriate measures to protect their legally cognizable rights to protect their homes and communities. Please seriously consider and address their important and legitimate concerns through review and revision of the proposed LMO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dionè Carroll". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" and "C".

Dionè C. Carroll, Esq.

Cc: Kevin Singletary, County Planner, at ksingletary@edgefieldcounty.sc.gov

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Solar Farming: Not a Good Use of Agricultural Land

By: Ron Heiniger

NCSU Professor and Extension Specialist,

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Crop Science

You can't help but notice changes on the landscape of agriculture in North Carolina in the form of solar farms. The question arises are these uses of agricultural land a good thing or something we will come to regret. As an agronomist who works with crops and soils every day and as one who has gone through a life-changing event that changed my future from being a farmer in Kansas to my present position as an extension specialist, I feel it is important to point out a few facts that should be considered before signing that contract to lease your land for solar farming.

Fact 1. Solar farming will change the future productivity of the land.

Because solar panels only capture 20% of the light for only about 5 hours of the day the rest of that solar energy will pass through to the ground. As a result grasses, broadleaf weeds, and eventually woody shrubs will grow. There are only three ways that solar farms can deal with this unwanted vegetation: herbicides, mowing, or ground cover or a combination of all three. All of us who have farmed this land understand how hard it is to control weeds in crops that intercept over 80% of the solar radiation. You can only imagine how hard it will be to control this

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vegetation in a solar farm. High rates of herbicides, frequent mowing, and the use of mulches, rock, or plastic will all have negative impacts on the land from herbicide residues, soil compaction and erosion, and particles of damaged panels left in the soil resulting in contamination from heavy metals and rare earth elements used in solar panels. Remember, you still own this land and you will be held responsible for water runoff, cleanup, and off site effects not to mention the accumulation of weeds like Palmer Amaranth over time and the eventual need to replace fertility lost. Make sure your contract with the solar farm has a clearly stated plan for dealing with unwanted vegetation. Plans that just state the use of herbicides, mowing or even the use of goats or sheep should be specific about types of herbicides, timing, rates, etc. Make sure these specific plans make sense for your land! Don't accept anything that will harm the soil or its future productivity.

Fact 2. Because of this lost productivity and the resulting changes in the farming communities caused by the loss of land, it is highly unlikely this land will ever be farmed again.

Loss of a scarce resources like farmland will have significant impacts on you and your community. Land rents are increasing and will increase even more as solar farms compete for agricultural land. Currently, solar farms are leasing land at prices ranging from \$400 to \$1200 an acre. Not many farmers can afford to pay these kind of prices to farm the land. With the loss of land comes the loss of business for seed, fertilizer, and chemical dealers, hardware and lumber suppliers, equipment manufacturers and others in your community who depend on agriculture for their living. It is highly likely that our grain markets will have to adjust by moving livestock out of the state to areas with better grain supplies resulting in lower prices for grains in North Carolina. In short, over the span of the current 20-year lease agreements, agriculture will change such that even when the land becomes available, you will not be able to afford to put it back into production. Make sure you have a viable plan for how you will move forward with your farming enterprise. Today, farming depends on size of scale to make a profit. As you scale down, expect it to become more and more difficult to remain in the farming business. If you aren't going to continue farming, what are you going to do? Have a future plan and execute it while you have the financial resources to do so. I had the idea that I would farm again when I took the payments in the dairy buyout in Kansas. How foolish I was to think you could go back again. This is life-changing money. Be prepared to handle the consequences.

Fact 3. You could be stuck with the cost of decommissioning these solar farms

Currently, most solar operators are not required to have a decommissioning plan or to post a bond to cover the costs of decommissioning. Their current statement is: "this will all be taken care

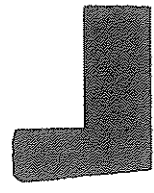
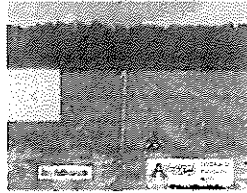
of in the future." Have you ever considered why they are paying such high lease payments and not just buying the land? The fact is that these panels are considered toxic waste due to the use of metals like cadmium and rare earth elements. These panels only have an expected life span of 20 years. Since they cannot be placed in landfills and are not accepted for recycling by any plant in the United States, it is highly likely that they will be either abandoned at the site or you (as the land owner) will be forced to pay for them to be shipped to third world countries for recycling. Don't trust others when they tell you this will be solved. It hasn't been in the last 20 years and I wouldn't bet my future on it being solved in the next 20 years. Make sure that the solar company has a viable decommissioning plan that spells out the terms of disposal, land grading, and restoration of the site to its original condition. Require them to post a bond to make sure they are still around at decommissioning time. By watching how fast they leave your driveway, you can tell how serious they are about the future of farming on your land.

Fact 4: Solar farming is not a good use of our land

Solar farms are highly inefficient at producing energy. It is only through generous tax credits, the waving of property taxes, zero interest start-up loans, federal and state mandates that require utility companies to pay for the power at generous rates, etc. that these solar farms even have a chance of operating. Right now, it is costing North Carolina taxpayers \$124 million dollars in lost tax revenues. This loss is expected to grow to \$2 billion by 2020 to enable these farms to remain viable. In other words, you and the schools in your community are paying the bill. It doesn't make sense to pay for solar before paying teachers' salaries. How much longer this can go on is anyone's guess. I think it is unlikely that this can continue for very long and once this taxpayer largess ends it will end the era of the solar farm. For what? Not for green energy. Because solar power only occurs for 5 hours on sunny days. There are no batteries at any of these solar farm sites. The traditional utility companies still have to produce their normal power load for the remaining 19 hours on a sunny day. And, on a cloudy rainy day, they have to provide power for all 24 hours. They still have to be prepared to generate the same amount of electricity using fossil fuels with or without the solar farm! So let's get this straight – we pay the taxes, we pay higher utility rates, we change our agricultural communities to accommodate these solar farms, and we don't improve our climate or our environment. And, it can potentially ruin the land for our children and grandchildren. NO, THIS IS NOT A GOOD USE OF OUR LAND!

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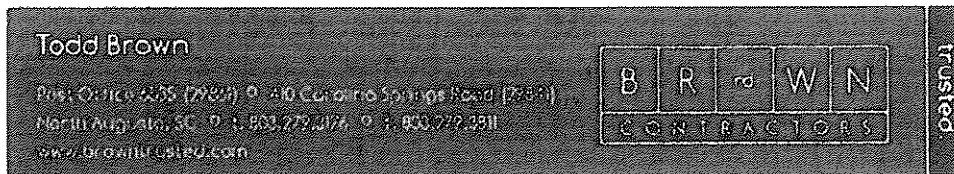
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From: Nicole Juhan [REDACTED]
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Subject: Edgefield County Zoning

February 9, 2021

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to tell you that we, as residents of Edgefield County, do not agree with the new zoning plans for the county. When we moved here from Aiken County 8 years ago, we chose this area because of the rural aspect of the community. We don't agree with some of the plans in the zoning regarding chicken egg production and wood working, both of which we partake in as a family. We don't do this on a large scale, but it's an opportunity to teach our kids a rural way of life and providing them with opportunities to use their skills and learn to make, save and share money. This contributes to the overall goodness of our county (and country) as we enrich and teach the youngest citizens. As citizens in this county, we don't feel you have the right to take this away from our families or communities.

We also don't like the idea of large-scale developments that will enlarge the student numbers at the county schools. Especially with the ongoing COVID pandemic. The schools have a hard enough time keeping up with the students they have. There are never enough substitute teachers and often classes have to be combined. This was occurring prior to the pandemic. How does adding more residential developments help this situation in a pandemic?

The beauty and blessing of this community is the small size and freedoms we have over our lives here. Life isn't about money and the next bigger and better thing, as none of that can be taken with you when you die. We do not want the zoning changes approved.

Sincerely,

Michael and Nicole Juhan

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My name is Patricia Lee. I live at 425 Currytown Road, District 5:

I plan to stand up and ask these questions at the Planning Commission meeting tonight (February 11, 2020), but given the limited amount of time to speak I ask that these questions be read aloud at the meeting AND answered by the individuals specified AND the questions and answers be entered into the minutes of the meeting and be available for me to see.

1. Singletary: do we currently have "zoning" and if so, what year was it implemented, what mechanism was used to implement it, and how were the citizens NOTIFIED of the process?
2. Each individual Planning Commission member: since you were "appointed" by County Council do you personally feel pressured by them to push this LMO (zoning) forward to Council?
3. Each individual Planning Commission member: are you committed to recommending what the citizens overwhelmingly want and putting aside your personal preferences?

Reasons for these questions:

1. Mr. Singletary, in the spring when I finally found out about the Anniston Point subdivision, your answer to my question about how 'zoning' of my property happened without my knowledge, your answer was "it happened before my time" and led me to believe that zoning currently existed. I am now hearing otherwise.

1. Yes, another #1: NOTIFICATION---Citizens are just now finding out about the LMO process that has been going on for 2 years. If posting it in the Edgefield Advertiser or the Augusta Chronicle were the only notifications, newspaper subscriptions are massively reduced because of the internet so posting a notice there does NOT reach the general population. AND as Council members currently state, most of the county is **without internet** service so accessing the Edgefield County site OR the Advertiser OR The Augusta Chronicle is not available to the general population. There is a problem with the notification process.

2 and 3. It is fact that the Comprehensive Plan was changed in 2019 on the final reading by council, blindsiding some Council members, and without further input from the citizens. APPEARS there was an underlying goal. So, if you were "appointed" by Council I want to know where your allegiance is-----to those Council members or to the citizens of the county. *I do NOT want the LMO recommended to County Council.*

Patricia M. Lee (District 5)
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Kevin Singletary

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Sarah Tew

111 Creek Stone Drive North Augusta, SC 29860

I am requesting a copy of this letter be sent to the PC members and that a copy be made part of the meeting minutes 2/11/2021.

I am appealing to the members to vote NO on the LMO as it is currently being put forth for approval. The LMO does not represent the desires of the county residents at large or myself.

Respectfully,
Sarah Tew

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Mr. Singletary:

Pursuant to our conversation this morning, I am sending this email as a request to change the proposed zoning of Parcel #138-00-01-028 from General Service Commercial (GSC) to Residential Village (RV). I would like this request and comment presented to the Commission and read at the public hearing this evening.

As explained, I represent Little Pine House LLC a South Carolina limited liability company headquartered here in Edgefield County. Little Pine House LLC is a locally-owned family business that owns various real estate assets in the County. It would like to have the opportunity to develop the 45+/- acres of Parcel #138-00-01-028 into approximately ten (10) residential lots of four or five acres each.

This type of development would be very consistent with the neighborhood and identical to the development of the properties immediately to the north across Rabbit Trail. The large lot sizes will allow for the residents to have privacy and allow the area to retain the rural feel that we all love in Edgefield. Additionally, the Residential Village zoning would allow for some commercial development should the need so arise (though it seems unlikely).

Finally, I would like to thank you and the County for your consideration of this request. Edgefield County is undergoing enormous changes these days; and I am delighted the County is taking steps to regulate the rapid growth. While I would prefer Edgefield County to remain a completely undeveloped, rural area of large contiguous tracts of hunting land, I recognize that in this I am a generation or two too late. With all the best, I am

Very Truly Yours,

Bettis

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Bettis C. Rainsford, Jr.

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Kevin Singletary

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: LMO

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I am writing again, this time with the intention of formally adding my opinion to the February 11, 2020 planning commission minutes, verbatim. As well having it read aloud, verbatim.

In my second letter to Kevin Singletary, I wish to address the notion that somehow, because I reside in city limits, the LMO will not effect me. Not only do I find that false, I find that offensive, as it will in fact effect my family and friends as well as our freedoms.

I find myself questioning the initial formation and residents best-interests in the so-called "steering committee". The steering committee was not voted upon, rather selected and consisting of several members that stand substantial monetary gain should the LMO be approved.

Repeatedly, Scott Cooper has ignored the wishes of his constituents and is instead "ruling" not "leading" the good people of Edgefield County. He is untrustworthy, unethical, and violating promises and actions that got him elected.

Further, I find myself questioning the integrity of a council member who represents herself as holding a doctoral degree, thus being referred to as "doctor" and intentionally deceiving the public. As I am aware, there is no formally accredited university degree in any cosmetology field. Had county council had a member in more ethical standing, these current issues of LMO planning may be considerably different. It is well demonstrated that there are two county council members conducting unethical behaviors.

I ask that the planning commission vote "no" to the approval of the LMO being forwarded to a corrupt county council. I ask that this letter be distributed to all planning commission members.

Sent via email

Christine Hunt
704 Addison St
Edgefield SC 29824

Kevin Singletary

From: Stacy Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Kevin Singletary
Cc: fab1835@wctel.net; Rodney Ashcraft; tajjnails@yahoo.com; karlenebutler@yahoo.com; tbrown@browntrusted.com; kdurham@gabn.net; info@terrenceculbreath.com; bmcneill@cowardandmcneill.com; joelpresley@mac.com; ttrenton@comcast.net; Tommy Paradise
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February 9, 2021

To Kevin Singletary and all Planning Commission Members,

We formally request this letter be read aloud at the February 11, 2021 meeting. We also request that a copy be given to each member of the Planning Commission. Additionally, we request that this letter be made a part of the official meeting minutes of February 11, 2021.

This letter is to inform each and every one of you that we, Frank R. III & Victoria S. Smith of 331 Moore Road, North Augusta, SC 29860, residents of Edgefield County, DO NOT approve of the LMO.

We adamantly request that PC Members vote NO to moving this absurd LMO to County Council. Chairman Cooper has demonstrated his lack of integrity and we as residence of Edgefield County DO NOT trust this man to do what is best for county constituents.

We, as well as countless others, own our property and enjoy the rural area, with NO restrictions on our own private land. It is our land and we should not have to have "permission" to own chickens, or to build a shed. This is not HOA land. We say NO to the LMO Zoning government "protection" they are offering. This is ridiculous, and I have no doubt if money was not the root of this whole ignorant situation, we wouldn't be having to fight for what is ours and what is right.

I implore each of you, to think of your county residents, your neighbors, our needs not Mr. Cooper's wants, and vote NO to passing this to Council.

Title 6 Section 29: SECTION 6-29-350(c) states "members of the commission should have 'concern for the future welfare of the TOTAL community and its citizens. Members shall represent a BROAD cross section of the interests and concerns within the jurisdiction'."

YOU represent US. Do the right thing, for Edgefield residents, not Mr. Cooper's wallet.

LMO=BIG NO NO

Sincerely,
Frank R. III & Victoria S. Smith
331 Moore Road
North Augusta, SC 29860
[REDACTED]
robnstac@bellsouth.net

Kevin Singletary

From: Norma Adams [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 5:54 PM
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Mr. Kevin Singletary,

We, Milas H Adams and Norma J Adams of 1001 Redwood Drive in Edgefield County, are requesting this email to be read aloud at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting, dated Feb. 11, 2021. We also are requesting each member of the Planning Commission receive a copy of this email, and this email be made part of the official meeting minutes.

We, Milas H Adams and Norma J Adams of 1001 Redwood Drive in Edgefield County, do hereby request the Planning Commission members vote NO in moving forward with the proposed zoning of Edgefield County and the propose continued construction of high density housing. Chairman Scott Cooper has shown a lack of integrity in how this has been handled and frankly, we feel he CAN NOT be trusted to do what is best for Edgefield County and the people already living here. We moved here almost 6 years ago for a peaceful life in a country setting. As property owners, we feel it should be up to us to determine what is best for our property rights. We ARE NOT willing to allow that to be taken from us, therefore, we are voicing our concerns about this matter officially.

Thank you for your time in allowing this email to be read.

Sincerely,

Milas H Adams and Norma J Adams

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Edgefield County Ridge Beekeepers Association

President: Steve Seigler, [REDACTED]

Secretary: Sheryl Brousseau, [REDACTED]

February 7, 2021

Re: Recommendation for Apiculture to be listed as a use reference in the Accessory Use Table in the proposed LMO for Edgefield County.

Also: Requesting to allow for special exceptions for the commercial and business zones. Guidelines for special exceptions should conform to good beekeeping practices recommended for residential areas.

Examples of bees being kept in non-residential areas:

- JET Middle School
- Wild Turkey Federation
- A beekeeping program was proposed for Trenton Correctional Institute

Currently in South Carolina

- There are no state regulations restricting who can keep honey bees in SC or how many colonies an individual can keep.
- There is no mandatory hive registry in SC.
- There are no state regulations restricting the movement of honey bees within South Carolina, but there are regulations for moving bees and equipment in and out of the state.

Some Recommended Good Beekeeping Practices for areas defined as Residential Areas in the LMO.

- Bees must be kept in the rear yard.
- The entrance of a hive should face whichever lot line or public right-of-way is furthest from the beehive location.
- Hives should be placed in a quiet area 20 feet from property boundaries with a shorter distance exception of 10 feet from property line allowed when a solid fence or impenetrable plant barrier of 6 feet or higher forms the property boundary to allow for an upward flight direction.
- Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the colony at all times. The water source shall be close to the hives and may be natural such as a pond, stream, or artificial source.
- The apiary appearance shall be kept neat and in good repair.
- Beekeepers should be considerate of neighbors activities before working their hive.

Sharon Hadden
820 Currytown Road
North Augusta, SC 29860

Kevin Singletary
Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

February 7, 2021

Mr. Singletary:

This is a formal request for this letter to be read aloud at the 2/11/21 Planning Commission meeting and a copy given to each member of the commission. I want this letter to be a part of the official minutes.

I am requesting the members of the Planning Commission to vote NO to moving the LMO forward to County Council. I am a lifelong resident of the southern portion of Edgefield County, own 93 acres and my home, owned a business in Edgefield for 19 years, have been actively involved in the Town of Edgefield as former Chairman of the Community Development Association for 10 years, a member of the Vision 2020 committee, and numerous other county projects.

This plan infringes on the rights of property owners and does not represent the wishes of landowners in the county. We do not want such concentrated growth in our area. Property owners do not want the dense housing. Tax revenue from such development may look appealing. That is a short term solution. What about the costs to the county? Schools are already crowded. What about the cost to the water Dept.? What about costs to our roads? The list goes on and on.

I am not at all appeased with being "grandfathered". I fully understand what that means and it is not satisfactory. My property is residential but also used for agricultural purposes. It will be passed on to my son who should be free to use as he chooses.

Edgefield County is a rural county and that is the way we would like to keep it. Our County Council representative(s) are not acting in our best interest nor holding true to their promises prior to election. Some, Scott Cooper specifically, are basing their decisions not on what his constituents want but on what will benefit himself and his purse. Councilman Cooper has not been forthcoming and has acted underhanded in his appointment to the commission. Nothing in this entire plan had been transparent nor have the citizens' wishes been considered. Many have voice opposition and those voices have been ignored. We will No Longer tolerate being ignored nor will be quiet and let this pass.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hadden

Eva Thompson
820 Currytown Road
North Augusta, SC 29821

Kevin Singletary
Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

February 7, 2021

Mr. Singletary:

This is a formal request for this letter to be read aloud at the 2/11/21 Planning Commission meeting and a copy given to each member of the commission. I want this letter to be a part of the official minutes.

I am requesting the members of the Planning Commission to vote NO to moving the LMO forward to County Council. I am 90 years old and have lived my entire life in Edgefield County on a 200 acre farm. I do not want to see the development that the planning commission is going to allow.

Scott Cooper protected his farm and then decided to go along with this plan. We should all be given the same protection he gave himself.

This is a bad plan that should be stopped immediately.

Sincerely,

Eva Thompson

Lynn Hadden
170 Woodlawn Road
Clarks Hill, SC 29821

Kevin Singletary
Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

February 7, 2021

Mr. Singletary:

This is a formal request for this letter to be read aloud at the 2/11/21 Planning Commission meeting and a copy given to each member of the commission. I want this letter to be a part of the official minutes.

I am requesting the members of the Planning Commission to vote NO to moving the LMO forward to County Council. I am a lifelong resident of Edgefield County and have many deep roots here.

This plan does not represent what we as citizens want our county to become nor look like. We do not want to be the next Columbia County.

Scott Cooper did not spend his entire life in Edgefield County, moved here upon retirement, and is not qualified to dictate what the rest of us are allowed to do with our property. Cooper is acting in his own best interest, not ours. He is not representing what voters elected him to do. His shady dealings and self-serving appointments have not gone unnoticed. The people are sick of Cooper's agenda.

We are depending on the Planning Commission and the rest of County Council to listen to the voters and act with integrity. This LMO is NOT what we want.

Sincerely,

Lynn Hadden

Beverly Dowdle
164 Woodlawn Road
Clarks Hill, SC 29821

Kevin Singletary
Courthouse Square
Edgefield, SC 29824

February 7, 2021

Mr. Singletary:

This is a formal request for this letter to be read aloud at the 2/11/21 Planning Commission meeting and a copy given to each member of the commission. I want this letter to be a part of the official minutes.

I am requesting the members of the Planning Commission to vote NO to moving the LMO forward to County Council. I married an Edgefield County native and have lived in this county for 65 years. My late husband, Lee Dowdle was very active in the county, was on the transportation committee, a fire commissioner and many other committees. I helped and participated in many of these alongside him so I am very familiar with how such committees work. He was instrumental in the original zoning plan for the county and worked with many others to come up with a plan that compromised and was acceptable to the majority.

This LMO is not what the majority wants for our county. Our representative, Scott Cooper, is not representing our wishes. We are depending on the rest of you to listen to what the PEOPLE who live here want NOT what the developers and those with a money driven agenda want.

We want to leave the Edgefield County we know and love to our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Beverly Dowdle

To Whom It May Concern
By Henry F. Cooper...February 11, 2021
342 Sweetwater Road
North Augusta, SC 29860

Since I could not be with you this evening, I want to share a few brief thoughts.

First, I advocate planning to accomplish any important goal. I've spent most of my adult life planning to achieve important national security goals, with considerable success.

Second, planning for Edgefield County's future deserves high priority, given Augusta's inevitable growth in regional and national importance—and the consequential fallout of that growth in all of Augusta's surrounding areas. Yesterday's important announcement of Generac's new plant in Trenton is an important beginning, in my view—and I'm sure it won't be the last.

Third, I witnessed such evolution everywhere I have lived since I left my Sweetwater farm experience where I learned most of life's most important lessons from the good folks of this community. I recall when Highway 25 was essentially the only nearby paved road, and it was a significant challenge to drive up and down neighboring unpaved clay hills in a summer rain. Most of the time since then, I have lived in areas where poorly planned growth replaced rural areas. One exception is development along the Georgetown Pike between McLean and Great Falls, Virginia, which was formally declared a Historic Byway decades ago, requiring it remain rural and a two-lane road. That is why I urged at a previous county planning meeting that our planners explore how to make Sweetwater Road a Historic Byway, if South Carolina permits such a possibility. I would also welcome rerouting 18-wheeler traffic to Highway 25 as a priority future planning goal.

Fourth, whatever the future outcome of the current planning activity, I urge that the rights of all our citizens be respected. Remember that Thomas Jefferson adapted "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in the Declaration of Independence from John Locke's "life, liberty and property." I think owners should have the right to do as they wish with their property, so long as it does not "unduly" infringe on the rights of others. And therein is the rub—and why zoning is important as growth follows from commercial developments, which I believe is unavoidable as our surrounding region grows. Years ago, I recall fierce objections raised when zoning was considered to limit what could be done near Sweetwater Road—and presumably other roads in the county. No doubt, today there are some eyesores that resulted from that stalled effort. Now, Edgefield County "powers that be" are considering new zoning and some folks are rightly concerned.

Fifth, I urge these serious matters be considered with polite deliberations that factually inform and debate possibilities where disagreements exist. I hope that this meeting takes steps in that direction.

Finally, if I were present, I would comment on Tavern Hill, which has attracted significant public attention. Please note that I would much prefer to see only the same open fields where I planted, cultivated and harvested crops as a boy—and joined tens of others in annual dove shoots in the Fall, rather than any housing developments. But that property was inherited by my niece and I could not then afford to purchase it at today's fair market value. She was well within her rights to sell it and I bear her no ill. At the same time, I met with the developers of Tavern Hill several years ago and they assured me as they began planning that they would follow architectural designs and roadways that would benefit our neighborhood—I still believe that to be the case. By the way, widely distributed reports that there will be 212 townhomes are false, as long ago could have been verified by simply checking the County records in Edgefield. The correct number is zero. It and other unverified claims should be discounted. We owe it to each other to be truthfully informed.

Thank you for your consideration.



February 8, 2021

Attn: Kevin Singletary
Edgefield County Planning Commission
210 Peen St.
Edgefield, SC 29824

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is David Smith. I am a disabled veteran, proud American, property owner, and registered voter in Edgefield County. I am writing this letter to you in regards to the recently proposed Land Management Ordinance and the contents contained within. It has come to my attention that many of the proposed regulations in this LMO are not withstanding with the principles and traditions we strive to protect in our rural corner of America.

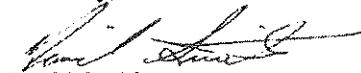
The rights of property ownership are fundamental to who we are as citizens of the United States and residents of the great state of South Carolina. It defines us in ways that no other country can relate. If we are to uphold the value of property ownership, we must respect the rights of the individual, the property owner, to regulate their own property. It is not the role of government, at any level, to infringe upon the rights of the property owner. If I may quote the Chairman of the Edgefield County Council, Scott Cooper, in saying...

"Property rights are for the owner of the property. It's a fundamental principle of our Republic."

The LMO, in its current form, is not in agreement with the values and traditions of property owners. Restrictions on flags, signs, private business practices, livestock, construction and building, recreational activities, and required permits for use contradict the rights of the property owner. Not only is this LMO harmful to property rights, it is also unnecessary in our county. The comprehensive plan, in its original form, laid out a good framework for our county.

I ask that you reconsider the details of this LMO and how it relates to the proud residents of Edgefield County. Property rights should be respected. The rights of the property owner should not be infringed.

Sincerely,



David Smith
330 Pine Ridge Rd

Kevin Singletary

From: Jerry [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:03 PM
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Dear Mr. Singletary:

I am asking the following question be read, and allowed to be answered, by each Planning Commissioner in attendance at the February 11th meeting. I also am asking that each answer be recorded in the minutes of the meeting as public record.

Question: Please briefly explain, in your own opinion, how this LMO, as it is presently written, will be beneficial to the citizens of Edgefield County and how our property will be protected?

Sincerely,

Jerry Moody
335 Mealing Rd
North Augusta, SC 29860
803-292-8000

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29847

February 7, 2021

To: Mr. Kevin Singletary, Members of the Edgefield County Planning Commission and Members of the Edgefield County Council

Dear Mr. Singletary:

I am requesting that a copy of this letter be made a part of the official meeting minutes for this County Council meeting of the LMO, on this date of February 11, 2021, and that this letter also be read aloud at this same meeting in front of the meeting attendees (approximately 6pm). I am also requesting that a copy of this letter be provided to the Planning Commission members prior to that meeting.

I also am requesting that the Planning Commission members vote NO regarding moving the LMO Plan forward to the County Council due to the lack of transparency and integrity shown by certain members of that council. Yes, much time and effort by the commission has been poured into this product, but the negative effects on the citizenry of Edgefield County should have been considered upfront, hence this twilight appeal to reason.

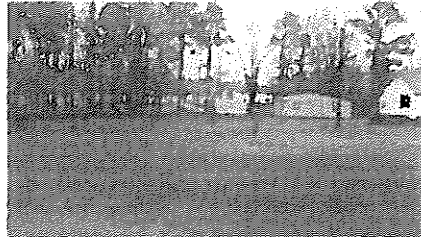
Letter to the County Council:

This LMO plan has caused a citizenry uproar, and rightly so. It's too late for me because I didn't find out about it - the Copperfield development - until they were clearing most of the trees on the 110 acres surrounding my "little piece of heaven": a beautiful home surrounded by woods. I've had several people use those exact words to describe what they see when they come down my driveway. I worked and saved my entire life for my place, and now y'all have defiled my dream.

After thinning the trees, it didn't take them too long to start building high-density housing. The first photo is from my back porch looking out onto one of the new cul-de-sacs. Soon homes will be popping up like mushrooms.



The second photo is from my neighbor's view across what used to be woods looking out into the Copperfield development. I'll bet you my neighbor isn't too happy either - he's got very few trees to block that *idyllic* view (*sarcasm*).



The third photo is what my backyard used to look like. It doesn't look as if I'll be taking any more pictures of the gathering deer.

I bought my home due to its seclusion in the forest, nearness to my children and grandchildren, plus it was both my wife's and my dream home, is still our dream home, but now there is very little privacy.



What you are doing to this county, through this LMO, is a disservice to its citizens. I can pretty much guarantee you that, with the exception of the newbies arriving into these new high-density housing units, most of Edgefield county citizenry are not happy with how you all are destroying all of **OUR** Little Piece of Heaven. All you have to do is visit Facebook to confirm that dissatisfaction.

I don't live in a HOA development precisely for the same reason I object to this plan: I don't like someone telling me what I can and can't do legally on my property. I live on two acres. Per the LMO, I'm not allowed to keep a horse even though I have enough land and the means to do so. What makes YOU lord and master over me? If I wanted to keep chickens, I would have to go to the county for a waiver. Why on earth would I and all the other county residents want to be put under your thumb? You all are representatives of us, representatives of the PEOPLE, NOT representatives of special interests. I see you infringing upon OUR rights as this LMO provides significant over-reach. We already have a run amuck administration in Washington DC, we assuredly don't need big brother, or in this case, big daddy, to tell us how to live our modest lives. So put me on the record as being against the draft LMO and the current high-density lot criteria.

In closing, I urge Council members to do what is right for the current, long-time citizenry and vote NO regarding the adoption of this ordinance.

Thank you for hearing my concern.

Sincerely,

Kevin Singletary

From: Katie Easler [REDACTED]
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Mr. Singleton,

As a property owner and life-long resident of Edgefield County and I am adamantly against the LMO. The Planning Department nor the County Council should have any input or control over what I can do on my own property. Being grandfathered is not as it seems to me, the LMO specifically states that non-conformities will be phased out. If the LMO is sent to the Council they can change it as they see fit and they have shown that they are for the developers, not the people of Edgefield County.

Neither the County Council nor the Planning Committee contributes to paying my mortgage or taxes, therefore I feel that those decisions are not theirs to make. The council has shown that they do not act in the interest of the people of Edgefield County, but rather the interest of themselves.

We do not need county wide zoning that will dictate what we can do on own personal property. I respectfully ask that the LMO is not allowed to go before the council. Please forward

this letter to all members of the Planning Department and Council Council.

Respectfully,

Katie Easler

On Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 11:19:26 AM EST, Kevin Singletary <ksingletary@edgefieldcounty.sc.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mrs. Easler,

This is Kevin Singletary, Edgefield County Planner. I wanted to thank you for leaving a comment on our website regarding the LMO. If you have the time I would like to ask you what specific concerns you have with the LMO. I d also be happy to answer any questions and take a look at your property and go through the LMO to see what potential impact it could have. You can contact me via email. or please feel free to call.

Regards,

Kevin D. Singletary Jr.

Edgefield County Planner

210 Penn St.

Edgefield, SC 29824

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Kevin Singletary

From: Jack Wilkes [REDACTED]
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Subject: LMO

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My name is Russell Wilkes. I live in the city limits of Edgefield, but I own 100 acres off of Parker Road and Youngblood Roads in Edgefield County. My family owns 500 more acres. We are NOT in favor of any zoning in rural Edgefield County. I respect what you are trying to do, but we landowners do not think it is appropriate for government to dictate what we can and cannot do on our property. I am a responsible, careful landowner. My plan is to always to protect and improve and conserve. I realize everyone doesn't think like that, but regardless, we do not need or want government over stepping here and that's exactly what you are doing with this LMO. I am asking you respectfully not to pass this ordinance. Please call me to discuss if you want to talk more.

Please read this letter in its entirety at the zoning meetings upcoming. I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,
Russell
803-215-6091

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